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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 25, 2004

**1. Call to order.**

The two hundred ninety sixth joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Jerome C. Daniel at 7:35 p.m. on October 25, 2004 at TreePeople, 12601 Mulholland Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth Cheadle, Vice Chairperson, Jerome C. Daniel, Chairperson, Hal Ross, Linda Parks, Ron Schafer and Woody Smeck. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., Jonathan Zasloff, and David Widell.

**3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Caroline Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Ed Corridori, Heinz Ellersieck, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Vice Chairperson, Barry Read, Don Robinson, Chairperson, Paul Rockenstein, Dennis Seider, Lorraine Slattery, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Timothy Wendler, and Garen Yegparian. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Lesley Divine, Richard Gould, Bruce Saito, and Liane Weintraub. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Dave Brown.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Reva Feldman; Assistant Financial Officer, Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel, Tracy Dockery, Staff Services Manager, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

**4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.**

The Chair announced that Laura Plotkin and Louise Rishoff were present.

The Chair introduced Mr. Andy Lipkis, President of TreePeople.

Comments were made by Mr. Lipkis.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Lipkis.

Comments were made by the Chair.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of September 27, 2004 were submitted for approval.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

The minutes of September 27, 2004 were approved as amended.

**6. Reports.**

The Conservancy and the Advisory Committee received verbal reports from the Chair, Michael Berger, Chairperson of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Woody Smeck.

**7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Comments were made by Mr. Corridori, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Slattery.

Comments were made by the Staff Services Manager.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cacciotti.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Brown.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

The Chair announced that item 12 would be heard next and opened the public testimony portion of the meeting for items 11 and 12.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Assemblymember Cindy Montañez, on items 11 and 12.

Mr. Don Mullally, representing the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park Consortium, on items 11 and 12.

**12. Consideration of resolution adopting a Project Plan for the Pacoima Wash Greenway Project, City of San Fernando.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-86.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-86 was unanimously adopted.

The Chair announced that item 11 would be heard next.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of Pacoima Wash - San Fernando Airport Development property, APN 2513-033-006, 007 and 008, City of San Fernando, contingent upon Attorney General approval.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Slattery, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-85 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-85 was unanimously adopted as amended.

The Chair announced that item 7, members comments on matters not on the agenda, would resume.

Comments were made by Ms. Cheadle, the Executive Director, Ms. Parks, and Ms. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Slattery.

Comments were made by Messrs Brown and Portantino.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

**8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Ms. Margie Simpson, representing Residents for Preservation of Sierra Madre.  
Ms. Janet Murphy, representing Save Open Space, Santa Susana Mountains.

Comments were made by Ms. Cheadle.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.  
Comments were made by the Executive Director.

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Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded and comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chair.

**9. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Douglas Ranch Planning Unit 5 project, Simi Valley.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the County of Los Angeles on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Castaic High School, unincorporated Castaic Lake.**

At the request of Ms. Mikos, item 9(a) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-84.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-84 was unanimously adopted.

- 9(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Douglas Ranch Planning Unit 5**

**project, Simi Valley.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-83.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-83 was unanimously adopted.

**10. Presentation on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area mountain lion monitoring studies, by National Park Service's Dr. Ray Sauvajot, Chief of Planning, Science and Resource Management.**

The Conservancy received an oral report from Dr. Ray Sauvajot.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Dr. Sauvajot and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Dr. Sauvajot.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Ross.

Comments were made by Dr. Sauvajot and Mr. Smeck.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Wendler.

Comments were made by Dr. Sauvajot and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by Dr. Sauvajot.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Ellersieck.

Comments were made by Dr. Sauvajot.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Dr. Sauvajot.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Dr. Sauvajot.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cacciotti.

Comments were made by Dr. Sauvajot.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Dr. Sauvajot.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-87.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-87 was unanimously adopted.

**14. Consideration of a resolution amending the scope to the approved grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Soka acquisition to include the acquisition of an option (APNs 4455-015-002, 4455-016-032, 033, 4455-028-043, 4455-033-003, 005, 006, 007, 009, 010, 011, 018, 021, 022, 023, 026, 4455-034-001, 4455-035-001, 4455-040-007, 010), unincorporated Calabasas area.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-88.

Mr. Corridori was noted as abstaining from this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Smeck.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-88 was unanimously adopted.

- 15. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*, and Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.**



No closed session was held.

**16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on November 22, 2004. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP  
Executive Director

JEROME C. DANIEL  
Chairperson